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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 143-160 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 143-160 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 10/10/02, has been entered.

Claims 1 - 142 have been canceled.

Claims 143 - 160 have been added.

Claims 143 - 160 are pending.

2. This application appears to be compliant with the Sequence Rules.

3. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 143 - 144, drawn to methods of transplanting with an ex vivo method with antibodies, classified in Class 435, 2 and subclass 2.

II. Claims 145 - 154 drawn to a method of treating a transplant recipient with antibodies, classified in Class 424, subclass 173.1.

III. Claims 155 - 157 drawn to method of decreasing an antibody response to an antigen, classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1.

IV. Claims 158 - 160 drawn to a method of treating an individual having a disease with an antibody, classified in Class 424, subclass 153.1.

4. Inventions I / II / III / IV are different methods of use. These inventions require different ingredients, process steps and endpoints to accomplish the use of nucleic acids. Therefore they are patentably distinct.

Applicant is invited to clarify the differences between the metes and bounds of Groups I- IV for clarity with respect to both Restriction and prosecution purposes in the interest of compact prosecution.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for any group from Groups I-IV is not required for any other group from Groups I-IV and Groups I-IV have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. In addition to selecting a Group from above, applicant is required to make a species election as well.

(A) This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed inventions of Groups I, II and IV:

wherein the method includes a drug selected from those recited in claims 144, 146, 154 and/or 159.

These species are distinct because their structures, interactions, modes of action are different. Therefore, they are patentably distinct..

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Applicant is required to elect a particular drug as it reads on the particular elected Group I, II or IV (also see pages 10-11 and 47 of the instant specification) if elected above

AND IN ADDITION

(B) Must elect from the following further species as it reads on the appropriate disease if applicant elects Group IV, such that the disease is:

- A) infectious disease,
- B) asthma,
- C) SLE,
- D) diabetes,
- E) insulinitis,
- F) arthritis,
- G) IBD,
- H) dermatitis or
- I) multiple sclerosis.

These species are distinct because their etiologies and therapeutic endpoints are different. Therefore, they are patentably distinct.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

7. Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the other invention.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

8. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

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9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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